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During a telephone conversation with Nancy DeSantay on 04/21/2009, applicants' intent to abandon the application was confirmed.

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